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B. ABU DHABI 0438

1. FOLLOWING MY DISCUSSION WITH FM SUWAIDI AND PROMPT
SUBMISSION TO HIM OF EXPLANATORY NOTE ABOUT FINANCIAL PLIGHT OF UNRWA,

EMB HAS CONTINUED ENERGETIC EFFORTS WITH UAEG STRESSING URGENCY
OF PROBLEM AND CONSEQUENT NEED FOR EARLY DECISION RE DONATION.
CHARGE MADE ANOTHER STRONG PITCH FOR UAE GENEROSITY IN MTG APRIL 28
WITH FM SUWAIDI. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING THROUGH SENIOR ADVISOR
TO PRESIDENT, DR. ADNAN PACHACHI, WHO EXPERT ON UNRWA MATTERS AND
FULLY COGNIZANT OF PROBLEM USG FACES WITH CONGRESS IN ASKING FOR
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ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR UNRWA, IF RICH ARAB OIL STATES THEMSELVES HAVE NOT

ALSO MADE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL A, CHARGE CALLED DR. PACHACHI TO RE-INFORCE POINT THAT THE UNRWA'S BUDGET DEFICIT IS CRITICAL AND IF NOT ALOSYRD AT ONCE, WILL LEAD TO DRASTIC CUTS IN UNRWA SERVICES. ALSO INFORMED PACHACHI THAT ADMINISTRATION CANNOT SUBMIT TO CONGRESS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS, UNTIL SOME DEFINITE COMMITMENT RECEIVED FROM ARAB OIL STATES. MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE HAD NUMBER OF PLEDGES FROM ARAB AND EUROPEANS, BUT AS YET THERE NO MONEY IN HAND. PACHACHI PROMISED DO EVERYTHING HE COULD. AM OF MAY 1, SAW PACHACHI AT AIRPORT CEREMONY AND HE ASSURED ME HE HAD PLUGGED HARD AT ABU DHABI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MTG APR 30 AND WITH FM SUWAIDI FOR IMMEDIATE AND GENEROUS UAE DONATION. PACHACHI SAID THAT UAE CONSIDERING DONATION IN RANGE OF DOLS 500,000 TO DOLS ONE MILLION, BUT SUWAIDI MUST FIRST DISCUSS WITH ZAYID AND OF COURSE, GET HIS APPROVAL. PACHACHI OPTIMISTIC THAT GIFT WILL BE IN RANGE OF DOLS ONE MILLION RATHER THAN LOWER FIGURE. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE PRESSING FOR EARLY DECISION IN HOPE WE CAN FINALIZE THE MATTER BEFORE ZAYID DEPARTS IN NEXT 2-3 DAYS ON INTERNAL TRIP. GRIFFIN

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